Mental Health Institutes in Orissa

33. MS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mental health institutes in Orissa suffer from inadequacies in manpower and infrastructure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a steady increase in mental disorders in the State; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by Government to the cash-strapped State to effectively control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per the information place before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by the State Governments, there is general shortage of manpower and infrastrucure in the field of mental health in the country including the state of orissa. There is no evidence to show that there is a steady increase in mental disorders in the general population of the State. However, following the1999 super cyclone disaster, higher rates of adjustment disorder, depression, suidical ideas and alcoholic dependence have been reported amongst the affected population.

(c) The Government have formulated the National Mental Health Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan to promote mental health care throughout the country, including the State of Orissa.The main components of the programme are District Mental Health Programme to provide community based services, strengthening of mental hospitals, upgradation of psychiatric units of medical colleges/hospitals, IEC activities and research.

Corneal Blindness

34. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: